

Teen books about African-Americans



Shelved in Teen Fiction

Cottonwood, Joe

Babcock

Babcock, a seventh-grade black boy who likes dragonflies, poetry, and music, falls in love with Kirsten, a blonde, at the same time that Uncle Earl moves in with his family

Crutcher, Chris

Whale Talk

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

Davidson, Dana

Jason & Kyra

Handsome and popular Jason tries to come to terms with his irascible, often absent father and his growing attraction to the quiet, studious Kyra.

Draper, Sharon

Copper Sun

Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to a Spanish colony in Florida that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Draper, Sharon

Forged by Fire

Teenage Gerald, who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, faces the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

Flake, Sharon

Bang!

A teenage boy must face the harsh realities of inner city life, a disintegrating family, and destructive temptations as he struggles to find his identity as a young man.

Hewett, Lorri

Soulfire

A rift develops in the closeness shared by Todd and Ezekiel, two African-American cousins, when Ezekiel tries to single-handedly end the problem of gang violence in his Denver neighborhood.

Houston, Julian

New Boy

As the first African-American at an exclusive boarding school in the 1950's, a young black man experiences the Civil Rights movement on a national and personal level.

Johnson, Angela

The First Part Last

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Klass, David

Danger Zone

When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics.

McDonald, Janet

Spellbound

Raven, a teenage mother and high school dropout living in a housing project, decides, with the help and sometime interference of her best friend Aisha, to study for a spelling bee which could lead to a college preparatory program and four-year scholarship.

Moses, Shelia P.

The Legend of Buddy Bush

In 1947, twelve-year-old Pattie Mae is sustained by her dreams of escaping Rich Square, North Carolina, and moving to Harlem when her Uncle Buddy is arrested for attempted rape of a white woman and her grandfather is diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor.

Myers, Walter Dean

Monster

On trial for felony/murder, sixteen year old Steve tells this gripping courtroom drama as if he will be making a movie of his life.

Volponi, Paul

Black and White

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Whittenberg, Allison

Sweet Thang

In 1975, life is not fair for fourteen-year-old Charmaine Upshaw, who shares a room with her brother, tries to impress a handsome classmate, and acts as caretaker for a rambunctious six-year-old cousin who has taken over the family.

Williams, Lori Aurelia

Shayla's Double Brown Baby Blues

Thirteen-year-old Shayla is upset when her estranged father's new baby is born on her birthday, but she learns that her problems are nothing compared to those faced by her friends Kambia and Lemm.

Williams-Garcia, Rita

Every Time a Rainbow Dies

After seeing a girl raped and becoming obsessed with her, sixteen-year-old Thulani finds motivation to move beyond his interest in his pigeons and his grief over his mother's death.

Woods, Brenda

Emako Blue

In the first scene, high-school friends attend the funeral of one of their own-- Emako, a beautiful, talented young singer who was shot outside her South Central home. In alternating voices, four young people talk about Emako, revealing something about their own very different lives.

Zephaniah, Benjamin

Gansta Rap

15-year-old Ray and his two best friends have been expelled from school. With the help of Manga Man, an older Jamaican who owns a music shop, the boys form a hip-hop band. Unfortunately, they attract the attention of a rival band and engage in a deadly gang fight that both groups later regret.

Shelved in Teen Zone Non-Fiction

Carroll, Rebecca

Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America

15 girls tell their stories in their own words in this stereotype-breaking book.

Roberts, Tara

Am I the Last Virgin?

A collection of essays discussing issues surrounding the sexual coming-of-age experiences of African **American** women.

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